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## **AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 31, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12, 16, 23 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

## **REMARKS**

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration, and allowance of all claims as presently presented are respectfully solicited. By